

## **Advance Notice of Arrival requirements for Commercial Fishing Vessels operating between Puget Sound and Western Alaska**

In October 2001, the U.S. Coast Guard published temporary changes to the Advanced Notice of Arrival (ANOVA) and Advanced Notice of Departure (ANOD) requirements found in Title 33 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 160 for vessels bound for or departing from U.S. ports. These new measures were necessary to enhance national security by improving the tracking of vessels operating in U.S. waters and verifying the identity of crew members and passengers on board those vessels. These requirements also apply to commercial fishing industry vessels greater than 300 gross registered tons.

### **For Arrivals in Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound**

1. An advanced notice of arrival must be submitted to the National Vessel Movement Center (NVMC) no less than 96 hours prior to arrival into Captain of the Port Zone Puget Sound. Vessel operators are encouraged to use the Notice of Arrival forms available on the Internet at [www.nvmc.uscg.mil](http://www.nvmc.uscg.mil).
2. If the arrival time is expected to be more than 6 hours later than originally reported, then an updated notice of arrival must be submitted. In addition if the vessel will be calling in more than one port within Puget Sound then this arrival information must also be provided.
3. Further information can be obtained by visiting Marine Safety Office Puget Sound's web page at [www.uscg.mil/d13/units/msopuget/pressrelease.html](http://www.uscg.mil/d13/units/msopuget/pressrelease.html).

### **For Arrivals in Captain of the Port Zone Western Alaska**

The advance notice of arrival requirements are basically the same with a few exceptions:

1. Vessels must still provide advance notice of arrival information at least 96 hours prior to arrival as listed above.
2. Commercial fishing industry vessels will not be required to provide an updated advance notice of arrivals if the vessel is more than 6 hours late from its stated arrival time. This is a waiver of 33 CFR 160.T208(e)(1). A notice will be required only for vessels arriving more than 12 hours past their scheduled advance notice of arrival time.
3. After arriving into Captain of the Port Zone Western Alaska, vessels operating exclusively within that zone are not required to submit notices of arrival for subsequent port calls in Western Alaska. However, notification of any crew changes while operating in Western Alaska must be made to the NVMC. Once again, vessel operators are

strongly encouraged to use the Notice of Arrival forms available on the Internet at [www.nvmc.uscg.mil](http://www.nvmc.uscg.mil).

4. When reporting crew change information to the NVMC, the following information is required to be submitted under 33 CFR 160.T208(c)(14):

- Full Name
- Nationality
- Date of Birth
- Social Security Number, Resident Alien Card Number, Passport Number or other unique identification number
- Position on Board the Vessel
- Point of Embarkation

5. These waivers from the existing regulations shall be in effect until December 31, 2002. At that time Captain of the Port Zone Western Alaska shall assess impact of these conditions and waivers and determine if they are still appropriate and necessary.

There is specific guidance for vessels making multiple U.S. port calls within the 96 hour period, for vessels with less than 96 hours transit, etc. and a table included in the Federal Register to assist you with understanding and complying with this new rule. A link to this document is located on our website at [www.uscg.mil/d13/units/msopuget/pressrelease.html](http://www.uscg.mil/d13/units/msopuget/pressrelease.html).